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PREFACE

The humanity has been existing, enjoying the light of the sun.

Indeed, the sun can be called the most important thing indispensable to the existence of all things. That is why, greatness is compared to the sun.

In Korea, President **Kim Il Sung** and His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** are worshipped as the great Suns.

The world people said that the sudden death of President **Kim Il Sung** in July, 1994 was the same as the breakup of the sun.

Indeed, President **Kim Il Sung**'s death was as if the earth broke up and the sun stopped sending out light.

The world peoples were paying attention to Korea then, thinking what way it would follow. The imperialists and their massmedia were fussing about the "end of socialism" in Korea. However, the Sun was continuing to send out light in socialist Korea. A writer once said that the Sun rises in the east in praise

of President **Kim Il Sung**. The Sun is still sending out light in socialist Korea.

The Sun is His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

After the death of President **Kim Il Sung**, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** declared: "Don't expect any change from me."

His ideas and leadership are the same as those of the President. And he is making all his efforts to accomplish the cause of the Korean revolution started by the President.

I feel my writing capacity is not enough to describe his original ideas and theories, outstanding leadership and noble virtues.

I have only written here some stories about his great virtues.

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1. CREATING A NEW HISTORY OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE CAUSE OF THE LEADER'S IMMORTALITY

After President **Kim Il Sung**'s death, Korea has made great achievements, which are inconceivable even in thousand of years. They are precisely the great exploits that His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** accomplished, and the sacred revolutionary record that he made. The greatest exploit he achieved during the period is the brilliant accomplishment of the cause of the leader's immortality.

1) Strong Conviction in the Leader's Immortality

What does the cause of accomplishing the leader's immortality mean? It means the cause of holding the leader, who pioneered the revolution, in lasting reverence as he was in his lifetime. It also means the cause of staunchly defending the leader's ideology

and achievements and inheriting and carrying forward his cause to the end.

As the start and the victorious advance of the revolution are dependent on the leader, the prospect and the future of a nation are decided by how to realize the cause of the leader's immortality.

In this sense, it can be said that the leader's immortality is the fundamental issue, which determines the destiny of the revolution and reflects on the unanimous aspiration of the people.

However, history did not see a complete solution to this basic problem, and the wish did not come true.

Only His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** brilliantly realized the cause of the leader's immortality for the first time in history.

He deeply implanted into the people's minds the conviction of the immortality of President **Kim Il Sung**, elucidating the essence of the leader's genuine immortality and the ways for its realization.

The death of President **Kim Il Sung** on July 8, 1994, called the year of bitter tears in Korea, was the

greatest loss and sorrow in the 5,000 year-long history of the Korean nation. The people of the country, who could not live for a moment without the President, were shocked greater than that the whole heaven and land had collapsed and broken down. People throughout the country were in bitter tears and cherished their memory of President **Kim Il Sung** in unabated grief.

In those days, the whole humanity witnessed this greatest sorrow and perceived the feelings of the Korean people as theirs.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** put forward the following slogans: "The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** will always be with us" and "Let us arm ourselves more firmly with the revolutionary ideas of the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**!" These slogans are the slogans for the leader's immortality which reflect His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s firm conviction and will to hold President **Kim Il Sung** forever in high esteem.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** saw to it that the funeral ceremony of President **Kim Il Sung** was held,

not restricted by the existing conventions.

He saw to it that the President's car was used as the bier car decorated with the most precious flowers. He also saw to it that "The Song of General **Kim Il Sung**", the immortal revolutionary paean, was sung instead of a dirge, and the portrait of the smiling President was hung, instead of his portrait framed with a black band.

About 40 km.-long streets in Pyongyang City were seething with millions of people keeping in their minds the benevolent image of President **Kim Il Sung** who was passing them, smiling like the sun.

This was really a great scene of the leader's immortality, never made in the history of humankind.

The slogans of immortality and the 40 km.-long scene of immortality reflected His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s noble intentions about President **Kim Il Sung**'s immortality.

After the death of President **Kim Il Sung**, the world attention focused on the Korean situation, speculating that there would be some changes. At that time, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** put an end to such

speculation with a resolute declaration "Do not expect any change from me!"

This shows his conviction and will to brilliantly realize the cause of the leader's immortality by staunchly defending the ideas and achievements of President **Kim Il Sung** and conducting the revolution and construction, true to the will of the President.

The political history of the world shows that when a previous head of state died, a new one was soon elected. However, no election took place in Korea though days, even months, had passed. The world public was surprised at it and described it as a "political vacuum".

However, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** did not recognize the "political vacuum" and disregarded the nomination ceremony.

I think the noblest moral obligation of revolutionaries must be expressed in holding the leader, the highest representative of revolutionary elders, in high esteem.

The renegades from the revolution, with their vile

political aims, did not hesitate to perform the immoral acts of slandering their previous leaders and obliterating their ideas and exploits, damaging the image of the communists and causing socialism to collapse.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** put it forward as a lofty cause to restore, on the international scale, the communist morality damaged by the renegades from the revolution through preserving and adding luster to the noble communist morality.

Thus, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, without any wish for honor and office, led the whole people to the struggle to hold President **Kim Il Sung** in high esteem and realize the wishes of the President that he had in his lifetime, and opened up the brilliant new history of accomplishing the cause of the leader's eternity.

2) Building the Sacred Temple of Immortality

Foreigners, who visit Korea, go first to the place

where President **Kim Il Sung** lies in state. The place is the Kumsusan Memorial Palace, the sacred temple of Juche.

The palace represents the highest peak of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s loyalty devoted to the accomplishment of the immortality of President **Kim Il Sung** as well as the greatest exploits he achieved in accomplishing the cause of the leader's immortality.

Holding the leader forever in the eternal image is of paramount importance in realizing the cause of the leader's immortality.

The successor's loyalty displayed in realizing the leader's eternity lies in holding the leader in high esteem as he was in his lifetime.

The Korean people were feeling intense desire to hold President **Kim Il Sung** forever in high esteem and complete his revolutionary cause to the end, looking up to him.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** resolved to achieve such desire of the Korean people and devoted himself to the sacred cause of holding President **Kim Il Sung**

forever in the eternal image, solemnly rebuilding the Kumsusan Memorial Palace as the sacred temple of Juche.

It was July 12, 1994 when the Korean people were in bitter tears.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** visited the Kumsusan Assembly Hall, where President **Kim Il Sung** had stayed for a long time and guided the Party and the State work, and asked an official what he was thinking about the preservation and use of the Hall in the future.

The official hesitated for a while and answered that it would be good if His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** would work there after the condolence period and the funeral ceremony. However, it was not what His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wanted.

In those days, the officials were conceiving of constructing a mausoleum at **Kim Il Sung** Square or on Mansu Hill, the central parts of the capital, to hold President **Kim Il Sung**.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that the

Kumsusan Assembly Hall is our people's present to the fatherly leader and also the building in which the leader worked for a long time in his lifetime, and nobody else has a right to use it, adding that he intended to hold the leader there forever in the eternal image.

He also said, with emotion, that the Kumsusan Assembly Hall is really the leader's home, and he decided to hold the President there forever.

He paid his deep attention to selecting the proper place for holding the President.

One day, looking round the Kumsusan Assembly Hall, he said to the officials that he had come to discuss about selecting a room to be used for reverently laying the respected Comrade **Kim Il Sung** in state. And he chose a room on the top floor where a large wall painting, representing Mt. Kumgang of Korea, was hung.

Afterwards, he visited the Kumsusan Assembly Hall on several occasions and looked round several rooms, explaining why he had chosen that room.

The room with the wall painting was situated in the highest place in the central part of the Kumsusan Assembly Hall. It was the President's office room. There he would meet foreign heads of state and diplomatic envoys as well as Korean officials and personages, giving them great love and care.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** told the officials; when the heads of state of other countries died, they were placed underground, which was topped with rostrums; so when there were functions, they were held above the biers, but we can never do the same, we must lay the fatherly leader in state in the highest place in the palace, this is the natural moral obligation of the revolutionary soldiers of the leader.

Thanks to his noble moral obligation, the Kumsusan Memorial Palace was rebuilt magnificently, and President **Kim Il Sung** is laid in state in the highest place in the palace.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** saw to it that the Kumsusan Memorial Palace was rebuilt into a people's palace.

A statue of President **Kim Il Sung** was erected in a hall of the palace and the statue's background is illuminated by sun's rays at dawn, adding brighter light to the great image of the benevolent President.

Thanks to the energetic guidance of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, the Kumsusan Memorial Palace was rebuilt magnificently into the sacred temple of Juche, and the sacred cause of laying President **Kim Il Sung** in state there was accomplished.

3) With the Immortal Ideology and Achievements

The leader's immortality is ensured by the ever-lasting inheritance of the leader's ideology and exploits.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** regards the revolutionary ideas and achievements of President **Kim Il Sung** as the everlasting treasures of the revolution and staunchly defends and brilliantly inherits them.

After President **Kim Il Sung** passed away, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** put forward a new slogan: "Let us arm ourselves more firmly with the revolutionary ideas of the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**!"

It shows his firm determination to defend staunchly and glorify the Juche idea.

The Juche idea is an idea elucidating that the masters of the revolution and construction are the popular masses, and the popular masses also have the strength to push ahead with the revolution and construction. In other words, it is an idea that one is the master of his own destiny and also has the ability to shape it.

President **Kim Il Sung** created the immortal Juche idea, the brilliant peak in the human history of thought. He applied it splendidly to the revolution and construction and won victories. He also wrote a great number of immortal classic works by conducting energetic ideological activities in his lifetime.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** regarded the President's immortal classic works as his most

precious revolutionary legacies and saw to it that the publication of his works was conducted more vigorously.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** paid deep attention to the publication of President **Kim Il Sung**'s "Reminiscences 'With the Century'" (Continuing Edition), textbook indicating the genuine life and struggle.

He saw to it that the continuing volumes of the "Reminiscences" were published on the basis of the general plan and the detailed programme drawn up by President **Kim Il Sung** in his lifetime, and through the use of reminiscences and innumerable historical records.

Thanks to his efforts, the continuing volumes of "Reminiscences 'With the Century'" were published to show the great image and achievements of President **Kim Il Sung**, making the world progressive peoples greatly moved.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, after the death of President **Kim Il Sung**, conducted energetic ideolo-

gical and theoretical activities to publish many classic works and defended the revolutionary ideas of the President and developed and enriched them.

On November 1, 1994, the year when the President passed away, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** made public *Socialism is a Science,* working day and night in research and profound thinking. Thus he comprehensively clarified in depth the scientific accuracy, truth and invincibility of the socialist idea on the basis of the Juche idea.

He continued to make public a number of classic works including "Giving Priority to Ideological Work is Essential for Accomplishing Socialism", "Respecting the Forerunners of the Revolution is a Noble Moral Obligation of Revolutionaries" and "On Preserving the Juche Character and National Character of the Revolution and Construction". Thus, he staunchly defended the revolutionary ideas of the President and further developed and enriched them to be glorified as the eternal guiding ideas of the era of independence.

As a result, the Juche idea became resplendent in the minds of the Korean people and the world progressives with each passing day with the august name and benevolent image of President **Kim Il Sung**.

And President **Kim Il Sung** became immortal in the brilliant rays of the Juche idea.

Glorifying the Party, state, army and people with the august name and immortal achievements of President **Kim Il Sung** was the conviction and will of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

It was when the Korean people celebrated the 50^{c} anniversary of the foundation of the Workers' Party of Korea in October, 1995, the next year after the death of President **Kim Il Sung**.

The Korean people unanimously desired to hold His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** in the Party's top office with the absolute trust in and all loyalty to him, who was taking the lead in accomplishing the cause of the Korean revolution.

However, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** did not think of a nomination ceremony and devoted himself

to defending the exploits that the President achieved in Party building.

In December that year, he declared that he would glorify forever the Workers' Party of Korea as the Party of President **Kim Il Sung** by making public *The Workers' Party of Korea Is the Party of the Great Leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung***.

He also solemnly declared that the Korean People's Army is the Army of President **Kim Il Sung**, and firmly defended and inherited the President's ideas and achievements concerning the army building.

He exalted the dignity of Korea built by, and the Korean people liberated by, the President as **Kim Il Sung**'s Korea and **Kim Il Sung**'s nation. He also saw to it that the organization of the young people of the country was named as **Kim Il Sung** Socialist Youth League.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s lofty aim of holding President **Kim Il Sung** in lasting reverence and adding glory to his accomplishments became his strong conviction as well as the will of the Korean

people and the officers and men of the Korean People's Army. As a result, statues of President **Kim Il Sung**, monuments to his revolutionary history and his on-the-spot teachings boards were erected in the historic places associated with the President's immortal accomplishments.

Thanks to the energetic guidance of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, who regards the revolu- tionary ideas and achievements of President **Kim Il Sung** as the lifeline, the Party, state and people became full of glory with the august name of the President, and the President became eternal with the immortal ideology and achievements.

4) Instituting the Juche Era and Sun's Day

On July 8, 1997, on the occasion of the third anniversary of President **Kim Il Sung**'s death, the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Central Military Commission of the WPK, the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and the

Central People's Committee of the DPRK and the Administrative Council of the DPRK adopted a resolution "On glorifying the revolutionary life and immortal exploits of the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** for all ages".

The resolution, noting that the revolutionary life and achievements of President **Kim Il Sung** would be further glorified for all ages with the history of Juche Korea, proclaimed that the Juche era was instituted with 1912 as the first year when President **Kim Il Sung** was born and his birthday April 15 would be commemorated each year as Sun's Day.

Korea and the whole world marveled at this historic resolution.

The resolution on instituting the Juche era and Sun's Day ensured the immortality of President **Kim Il Sung** for millions and millions of years.

It was a manifestation of the noble will of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** to hold President **Kim Il Sung** in high esteem as the eternal Sun of Juche.

The year 1912, when President **Kim Il Sung** was born as the Sun of Juche, was the starting-point of the era of independence, ensuring the people's everlasting happiness. The Juche era is the era of President **Kim Il Sung**'s immortality.

April 15 is an auspicious day when President **Kim Il Sung**, the Sun of all peoples, was born.

In Korea, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s noble ideas were put into reality so that April 15, birthday of President **Kim Il Sung**, would be marked as the greatest holiday of all the holidays and the most auspicious day.

The April holiday has been marked with songs of acclamation.

Human history has recorded a large number of

holidays of many kinds.

However, only the Sun's Day is commemorated as the eternal holiday common to the world progressive peoples as well as the Korean people.

President **Kim Il Sung** has become immortal through the common splendid celebration of the Sun's Day by the Korean people and the world progressive peoples. The Korean people marked the first April holiday, after the institution of the Sun's Day.

At that time, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** visited a combined unit of the Korean People's Army, stationed in the forefront, dined with the soldiers and posed for photographs with them, looking after their life. His spending the Sun's Day with the soldiers of the People's Army further glorified the Sun's Day as the most auspicious day.

The world progressive peoples, who had been celebrating, as a tradition, the birthday of President **Kim Il Sung** as the world-wide holiday, also grandly marked the first April holiday after the institution of the Sun's Day, as the grand political festival common

to mankind.

Preparatory committees for commemorating the Sun's Day were formed in Egypt, Democratic Congo, Guyana, Britain, Italy, Cambodia, Brazil and many other countries for the arrangement of grand commemorations of the Sun's Day.

The progressive peoples of the world highly praised President **Kim Il Sung**; more than 1,000 functions were held in over 80 countries to commemorate the Sun's Day and special programmes for Sun's Day were broadcast and Sun's Day bulletins, special newspapers and articles were published.

Human history has recorded a lot of great men and sages. But it has not yet recorded such a highly praised and admired great man as President **Kim Il Sung** who is alive in the minds of the people through Sun's Day, his birthday, the common everlasting holiday of mankind, marked not only in his lifetime but also after his death.

This is a great result of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s institution of the Sun's Day and glorifying the

brilliant revolutionary life and exploits of President **Kim Il Sung** for all ages and the immortal feats achieved in realizing the cause of the leader's immortality.

5) Eternal President

In September 1998, the Korean people celebrated the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

On the eve of the holiday, an election of the deputies to the 10 Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was held with success.

The Korean people and the world progressive peoples were waiting for a historic moment when His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** would be elected to the top office of the state.

Their such desire became stronger as the day, on which the 1st Session of the 10th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK would be held, came near at hand.

The world public was convinced that His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** would be elected as the head of state of Korea. And in many countries, congratulating festivities were organized on a large scale. Amid such an atmosphere, the first Session of the 10th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK opened.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** attended the session, and saw to it that the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK was amended so that President **Kim Il Sung** would be held in high esteem as the eternal President of the Republic, before all the Party members, officers and men of the People's Army and the entire people would elect His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** as the Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission, the highest post of the state.

He did not address the session, but saw to it that the historic policy speech made by President **Kim Il Sung** at the first Session of the 9th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was heard.

Indeed, it was the loftiest practice of respecting the

previous leader and holding him in lasting reverence, which the world admired.

The amended Socialist Constitution of the DPRK is **Kim Il Sung**'s Constitution, shining with the name of President **Kim Il Sung**, and also a statute which shows the immortality of the leader.

The statute, which shows the immortality of the leader, was made thanks to His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** proposed the amendment of the constitution, with a lofty will to hold President **Kim Il Sung**, father of socialist Korea, in lasting reverence and to add glory to his revolutionary ideas and immortal accomplishments.

On many occasions, he put forward the ways of revising the constitution; he saw to it that President **Kim Il Sung**'s status as the eternal President of the State was stipulated in the prelude to the constitution, with the firm conviction that the President would always be with us.

President **Kim Il Sung** was the first President of the DPRK as well as the eternal President. The Presi-

dential system and the President's office must be combined with the august name of Comrade **Kim Il Sung**.

This is the firm will of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** and the unanimous desire of the Korean people. Thanks to His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s will and the aspiration of the Korean people, the statute of the leader's immortality, unprecedented in the human history of law, was enacted to guarantee the eternal state presidential office of President **Kim Il Sung** and the defending of his revolutionary exploits and the history of his immortality.

There are many countries in the world. Each country has its law. But, no country in the world saw a constitution that established the predecessor's ideas and achievements as the law and combined them with his name.

The first session of the tenth Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, which had adopted the immortal statute of the leader's immortality, produced a great response throughout the world.

Did any country or nation see such an event?

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, though the human-kind unanimously aspired to see him elected as head of state, saw to it that President **Kim Il Sung** would be held as the eternal President of the DPRK and his instructions as the eternal great programmes of the country.

This was really a great political decision unprecedented in the history of world politics.

6) In the Ever-lasting Prosperity of the Country

A previous leader would be immortal through the brilliant realization of his plans and intentions that he had in his lifetime. Only when the revolution advances as intended by the first leader of the revolution and the leader's instructions are put into brilliant reality, the august name of the leader does not lose its rays forever and the leader's history will continue.

On December 31, 1994, the year which is called

the year of bitter tears in Korea, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** talked with officials. He said; we see off this year with the sorrow of having lost the great leader; the leader devoted his all for the freedom, happiness, prosperity and development of the father-land.

Listening to him, the officials were greatly moved, yearning after President **Kim Il Sung**, shedding tears.

He said to the officials that the further strengthening of our country, our fatherland was the will and cause of the leader and that we should make our country, our fatherland more powerful, upholding the will and cause of the leader.

He resolved to realize the wishes of President **Kim Il Sung** that he had in his lifetime, and accomplish the cause of the leader's immortality by building a prosperous and powerful country, arousing the entire people to the implementation of the President's instructions.

In the morning of the New Year's day next year, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** sent to the entire people an

autograph "Let All of Us Work with One Mind and Will to Build Our Country, Our Fatherland More Prosperous as the Soldiers and Disciples of the Great Leader" and paid a visit to a unit of the Korean People's Army.

His visit to the People's Army unit, made on the first New Year's day after the death of President **Kim Il Sung**, showed his firm determination and will to achieve the prosperity of the fatherland and firmly defend the Korean style socialism with the army-based politics.

True to the instructions of President **Kim Il Sung**, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** continuously inspected the front lines to firmly defend the Korean-style socialism and achieve the prosperity of the fatherland by strengthening the People's Army.

As a result, the People's Army was strengthened into an unrivaled invincible army, and the vicious aggressive and stifling schemes of the imperialists and reactionaries were frustrated, and Korea rose up into the ideological and military power.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wisely led the struggle to make a revolutionary turn in the socialist economic construction. Owing to the vicious schemes of the imperialists to stifle the DPRK and to the natural disaster that swept the country for several years successively, the Korean people were faced with untold difficulties in their struggle for the prosperity of the country.

However, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, firmly determined to put into reality the wishes of President **Kim Il Sung** that he had in his lifetime, believed in the justness of the socialist cause and the strength of the Korean people, and advanced a programme for achieving the prosperity of the fatherland and constructing a powerful socialist state in which all the people would lead a happy life.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, saying that Korea is temporarily in the difficulties, but it can build a powerful socialist state in near future, gave energetic guidance to the people in the van of the "Arduous March" and the forced march.

In 1998, he went to the working class of Jagang Province and Songgang and kindled the torch of a new revolutionary upsurge.

On the New Year's Day of 1999, he inspected the Academy of Sciences as the year's first on-the-site guidance. He continued to inspect all the parts of the country, including North and South Hamgyong Provinces, Kangwon Province, Jagang Province, Ryanggang Province and North Phyongan Province. Thus, he made a breakthrough in the economic development, elucidating the ways of improving all the fields of the national economy. As a result, the people's struggle to build a powerful nation was further intensified.

Korea suffers from division for more than half a century owing to the US occupation of south Korea.

Reunifying the country was the lofty lifelong aim and the sacred cause of President **Kim Il Sung**, who dedicated his whole life for it.

The President devoted all his heart and soul to the last day of his life to accelerate the day when Korea

would be reunified, and all the Korean people would live in a reunified country.

During the days of the greatest loss, when the President unexpectedly passed away, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** told the officials to organize more splendidly and significantly the Pan-National Congress for Korea's Reunification. He saw to it that, amidst the sorrow caused by the loss of the President, the Pan-National Congress and reunification festivals were grandly held, and the Korean nation's will and desire to reunify the country were widely demonstrated both at home and abroad. Thus, he showed that no force could check the Korean nation's vigorous struggle for reunification.

He showed warm affection to the reunification figures.

In July 1995, he met Rev. Mun Ik Hwan's spouse Mrs. Pak Yong Kil who came from south Korea to participate in the memorial service on the occasion of the first death anniversary of President **Kim Il Sung**.

When he took her by the hand, expressing thanks to

her for the long journey, she was moved by his sincerity, feeling the same great affection as what President **Kim Il Sung** had shown to Rev. Mun Ik Hwan six years ago.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** gave great love and affection to a Korean journalist residing in America who had come a long way to participate in the memorial service on the occasion of the third anniversary of the President's death in July, 1997.

In August that year, he made public a historic work "Let Us Carry Out the Great Leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**'s Instructions for National Reunification".

In this work, he comprehensively clarified the tasks and ways of reunifying the country on the basis of the three charters for the country's reunification, saying that the national reunification was the life-long cause and ardent wish of President **Kim Il Sung**.

Ten days after the publication of the work, a congress was held to vow to implement the President's instructions for reunification. On August 8, 1999, the

Pan-National Congress was grandly held with the participation of south Korean delegates for the first time in history.

Thanks to the energetic guidance of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, the instructions of President **Kim Il Sung** were able to be successfully implemented, and the President's history continued with the prosperity of the country and the progress of the reunification of the country.

2. THE GREAT LEADER WHO IS LEADING THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD A POWERFUL NATION

Building a powerful nation is the sacred cause, which His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** planned and prepared long time ago, upholding the will of President **Kim Il Sung**.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that he had been conceiving, from long time ago, a plan to build a powerful nation and preparing for it, upholding the intention of President **Kim Il Sung**.

1) Great Plan, Firm Will

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** entered **Kim Il Sung** University on September 1, 1960. That day he climbed Ryongnam Hill and recited a poem: *Korea, I Will Glorify Thee.* The poem showed the lofty aim of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, who would lead Korea to prosperity upholding the will of President **Kim Il Sung**.

From his teens, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** conceived a great plan to glorify Korea to the world, and led Korea to continuous prosperity for decades of his energetic and wise guidance.

The programme of modeling the whole society on the Juche idea, the banner of the three revolutions and the revolutionary policy of the speed campaign and the grand battle of socialist construction brought about a heyday to revolution and construction, and the strength of the country was multiplied in every possible way.

But Korea suffered the greatest loss caused by the sudden death of President **Kim Il Sung**.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** firmly determined to achieve the prosperity of the country by carrying out President **Kim Il Sung**'s instructions.

On December 31, 1994, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** talked with the senior officials of the Party Central Committee, unfolding a great plan to build a powerful socialist state. The powerful state is interpreted as the country in which national strength

is great, everything is prosperous and the people live without envy.

There were many big and strong countries in the world.

Still, there are a lot of countries pretending themselves as big and strong nations.

Some countries are priding themselves on their large territory and population, and some others are boasting of their economy and military strength.

However, the strength of a country is not decided by its territory, population, economic power and military strength. The national power is a combination of the political, military and economic strengths.

A powerful nation is the one in which the whole society is firmly consolidated ideologically and politically, and possessed of invincible self-defensive power and strong independent economic strength. Along with these, when everything is prosperous, a country can be called a powerful state. If a country has no prospect, it can not be called a powerful state though it now appears to be powerful.

The powerful state, which Korea is building, is a powerful state which is built and advances under the banner of the Juche idea and self-reliance.

The Korean people, as masters of the country, are building a powerful state with their own strength, techniques and materials.

Looking up to the others and depending on others' strength can not lead to the building of a powerful state. Only the prosperity based on one's own strength is a way to the building of an impregnable powerful state.

Apart from the interests and happiness of the people, it is impossible to build a powerful state.

President **Kim Il Sung** led a great life with the intention of building a people's paradise, in which all the people would live happily without envy, and devoted himself to the prosperity of the country until the last moment when his great heart stopped beating.

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His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** made a great plan of building a powerful nation, with a noble idea of loving the country and the nation, to bring about a great national prosperity, thus showing the country's dignity and honor to the world and making the Korean people lead the happiest life.

In fact, no one imagined that a plan of building a powerful nation would be made in Korea, whose conditions were very difficult.

Korea is surrounded by the allied force of imperialism and the machinations of the imperialists and the reactionaries to isolate and stifle this country are going to extremes.

In order to defend socialism, Korea is struggling alone against the allied force of imperialism. There are many trials and difficulties. Other peoples, if they had been in such difficult conditions, would probably have lost their courage to overcome them, to say nothing of making a plan for the future.

But, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** made a great plan of building a powerful nation, firmly convinced

that the difficulties were only temporary and the cause of the Korean people would be accomplished without fail.

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This shows His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** has a firm belief in the justness of the cause of socialism and the invincible might of the Korean people.

The Korean people are now struggling to build a powerful state with the firm conviction and optimism of the prosperous future.

2) A Springboard Laid by Immortal Efforts

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, before the start of the 21st century, laid a springboard for the prosperity of the country, breaking through difficulties.

In general, a springboard is a strong board which helps one jump higher.

In Korea, the springboard means the firm basis from which the politics, the economy and the military affairs and all other fields can rise to the peak of the building of a powerful nation.

Korea is a strong country which has been built by ideology and glorifies its great image with the strength of ideology.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** further consolidated the single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses for the building of a powerful nation, and strengthened the political and ideological position of the Korean revolution.

He published a work "Socialism Is a Science". In the work he manifested his firm will to accomplish the cause of socialism and preserve the purity of the socialist ideology.

He published another work "Giving Priority to Ideological Work Is Essential for Accomplishing Socialism" and saw that the ideological education among the working people was strengthened. His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** ensured the vigorous advance of the entire Party and the army in the spirit of red flag.

In 1996, the Korean revolution was faced with difficult tasks and manifold difficulties.

The Korean people, amid the vicious aggressive maneuvers and sanctions imposed by the imperialists, had to conduct the "Arduous March".

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** saw to it that a joint editorial under the title "Let us advance vigorously in the new year, holding the red flag high" was published on the New Year's Day of 1996 by the newspapers *Rodong Sinmun*, *Joson Inmingun* and *Chongnyon Jonwi* so as to inspire the Party, the country and the army as a whole to overcome the difficulties in the spirit of the "Arduous March" and the spirit of red flag.

The "Arduous March" was a historic march through which the strength of the unity of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, the Korean People's Army and the Korean people was fully demonstrated, and also a proud march through which the officers and men of the People's Army and the people were grown into the strong men of conviction and will.

So, Korea rose up into an invincible power of politics and ideology in which the imperialists' isolating and stifling maneuvers and ideological and cultural infiltration did not work. This was the most solid springboard for the building of a powerful

nation.

National power is precisely a military power and the military power is the lifeline to the building of a powerful nation. Herein lies the firm guarantee for building a powerful nation.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** put forward the idea of giving importance to the military affairs and, with his army-based revolutionary leadership, strengthened the Korean People's Army into the invincible strong army filled with the spirit of defending the leader at the risk of the soldiers' lives and equipped with powerful offensive and defensive weapons.

He also ensured that all the people were armed and the whole country turned into a fortress, making the country an impregnable stronghold.

The struggle to defend the Korean style socialism and achieve the prosperity of the country was a military confrontation with the enemy, and a war without gunshot.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, in the fierce confrontation with the enemy, firmly consolidated the

defense power of the country and defended the Korean style socialism, continuously inspecting the units of the People's Army and frontline outposts for the security and prosperity of the country.

During those days he expressed his determination to achieve the prosperity of the country and defend the cause of socialism without fail, saying that his continuous inspections to the units of the People's Army were intended for the preservation of the security of the fatherland and the people, and also for the defense of the cause of socialism and justice of mankind, as these had been raised as more important matters than ever before.

With this lofty will in mind, he inspected the units of the three services of the Korean People's Army stationed in east and west and middle front line, the units defending islets and military academies.

Thanks to his energetic efforts, the defense power of the country was consolidated and the Korean style socialism defended reliably by weapons, and Korea exalted its dignity and great image as a military

power that any strong enemy could not attack.

The military position he strengthened with his army-based revolutionary leadership is the firm guarantee and reliable springboard for the building of a powerful nation.

Under the wise and able leadership of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, the firm economic foundations for the building of a powerful nation were laid in Korea.

Owing to the vicious schemes of the allied force of imperialism to isolate the DPRK and to several years of natural disasters, the economic construction in Korea was faced with untold hardships. Raw materials, funds, etc.-everything was scarce.

However, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, firmly believing in the power of the popular masses and overcoming all obstacles with the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, wisely led the struggle to consolidate the economic foundations.

Under his energetic guidance, the officers and men of the People's Army and all the working people fully

displayed the spirit of "Arduous March" to overcome difficulties and trials. They built a lot of grand monumental edifices including the Anbyon Youth Power Station and bases of self-reliance everywhere.

They also opened up a prospect for a rapid development of electricity, metal and machine building industries and agriculture. They laid a firm basis for the development of science and technology, - a strong lever for the building of a powerful nation.

The strong political and ideological position, in which the leader, the Party and the people are united single-mindedly, the invincible revolutionary armed forces and much economic potential - all these contribute to the laying of the springboard for the building of a powerful nation.

The fact that the springboard was laid for the prosperity of the country amid untold trials and hardships show the exploits that only His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** could achieve, with unequaled courage, iron will and outstanding leadership ability.

It also shows the miracle that only the Korean

people could achieve.

The Korean people will build a powerful nation in near future for they have laid the springboard for the building of a powerful nation.

The progressive peoples of the world are also sure that the Korean people will build a powerful nation in near future without fail.

3) In the Van of the Forced March

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** is the great leader who is leading the struggle to build a powerful nation by guiding the Party and people.

The year 1998 was a meaningful year for Korea which marked the 50 anniversary of the foundation of the DPRK.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** put forward a militant slogan "Forward, Forced March for Final Victory!" and led the historic forced march to victory, making a breakthrough in the building of a powerful nation.

At the beginning of the year, he visited Jagang

Province in northern Korea, and visited the province several times later.

He visited Jagang Province several times to go among the workers there and set the flames of a new revolutionary upsurge, inspiring all the workers to the struggle to build a powerful nation.

January in Korea is the coldest season. The coldness of Jagang Province is very severe. There's too much snow, preventing the vehicles from running smoothly.

However, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, overcoming the furious snowstorm, continued his inspection of Jagang Province.

The timetable of his inspection was so tight that the officials told him in earnest to have a rest even for a while.

However, he told the officials that he was conducting the forced march together with the people and worked without a rest.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** visited a lot of medium- and small-sized power stations, factories,

cooperative farms and cities including Kanggye City.

The forced march was a historic one which made a breakthrough in the building of a powerful nation, guaranteeing its final victory.

He was much satisfied with the people who had built lots of medium- and small-sized power stations with their own efforts, put production on a normal basis and maintained factories, streets and villages culturally and hygienically upholding the Party's policy. He defined their fighting spirit as the Kanggye spirit and popularized it throughout the country.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** visited the Songjin Steel Complex in March the same year. He told the workers about the important role to be played by the Songjin Steel Complex in carrying forward the socialist cause. He gave them great trust so that they rose up and rushed ahead at the speed of Chollima to make a breakthrough in the steel production as they had done whenever the Korean revolution was faced with difficulties. Chollima is a legendary horse running at the speed of 1,000 ri (400km) a day.

Thus, the torch of the Songjin Steel Complex was flamed up throughout the country to promote the building of a powerful nation.

In May that year he visited Kangwon Province to guide agriculture of the province. There he came up with a plan to improve land layout through land realignment and rezoning. He put forward Kangwon Province as a model in a nation-wide land improvement campaign.

The resolute measures taken by His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** and, fervent patriotism, with which he made the great nature-remaking plan, won the hearts of the Korean people and greatly encouraged them to the grand nature remaking campaign.

He gave on-the-spot guidance to several factories in Huichon City in northern Korea in June the same year and greatly encouraged the working class to display continuously the heroic spirit in the forced march for the final victory, with the fighting spirit with which they had built socialism under the leadership of President **Kim Il Sung** after the Korean

War (June, 1950-July, 1953).

Thanks to his energetic guidance, new miracles and innovations have been made and flames for the building of a powerful nation set throughout the country. On the occasion of the 50 anniversary of the foundation of the DPRK, Korea launched its first artificial satellite "Kwangmyongsong No.l", showing the strength of Korea to the world. The artificial satellite was made by Korea's own science, technology and raw materials, and made a success at the first launch. This event showed that Korea, well-known ideological and military power, had enormous potentials and Juche Korea's vigorous advance towards a powerful socialist nation grandly started under the leadership of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

Afterwards, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** continued his on-the-spot guidance to make a breakthrough in the building of a powerful nation.

He visited Taehongdan County, Ryangang Province in October that year.

There, he put forward the tasks to be carried out in

potato farming, which is suited to the peculiarities of the highlands, to solve the people's food problem, making a new history of potato farming.

Later on, he visited Huichon and Manpo cities in Jagang Province to guide the work of its various fields.

He also guided various fields of North Phyongan Province.

His on-the-spot guidance during the historic forced march was a revolutionary leadership by the greatest man.

It was also the sacred leadership of the people's leader devoting himself to the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people.

4) Bringing about Fresh Upsurge in the Building of a Powerful Nation

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** made a plan to glorify the year 1999 as the year of fresh upsurge in the building of a powerful nation, and energetically

continued his on-the-spot guidance. In Korea, priority is given to science and technology as a powerful means to the building of a powerful nation.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** visited the Academy of Sciences in this country at the beginning of the year.

He put forward the tasks, the guiding principles, that should be adhered to in developing science and technology of the country to a higher level in conformity with the requirements of the reality.

He also visited the Hamming Branch of the Academy of Sciences and held a conference of scientists and technicians there and saw to it that they actively contributed to the building of a powerful nation, giving them his love and trust.

His policy of giving importance to science, and his wise guidance made a great success in the development of science and technology, and greatly encouraged the building of a powerful nation.

As a result, a melting furnace, based on the method of oxygen-blowing of Korean style, came into

operation at the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, an iron and steel producer of the country. It was a result made in the struggle to build a powerful nation through the development of science and technology. The success achieved in the Juche-oriented steel production based on an oxygen-blowing method contributed to putting the steel production on a normal basis, with fuel abundant in Korea, further strengthening the Juche character of the metal industry.

During his on-the-spot guidance to industries of North and South Hamgyong Provinces in northern Korea, he saw to it that the working class in the metal industry stood in the van of the second grand march of Chollima. He convened a conference of the senior officials of the metal industry and visited many industrial units in North Hamgyong Province. He emphasized that it was important to develop industries in the building of a powerful nation, adding that priority should be given to the metal industry. He said that the working class and officials in this field should

bring about a fresh upsurge in the building of a powerful nation with the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance. He called the officials and working class of the Musan Mine as the soldiers on outpost duty and pioneers and gave them a title of suppliers of ammunitions and saw to it that Musan was a model in making a breakthrough in the building of a powerful nation.

And he said to the officials and working class of the Kimchaek Iron and Steel Complex that the Complex was the lifeline to the country, indicating the ways of placing production on a normal basis.He inspired the working class of the Songjin Steel Complex to thoroughly carry out a plan for steel production.

Thanks to His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s on-the-spot guidance to North Hamgyong Province, a new innovation was made in the steel production, and a fresh upsurge was brought about in the building of a powerful nation.

Agriculture is regarded as a strategic objective in

the building of a powerful nation in Korea.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** made a magnificent nature-remaking plan and visited Kangwon Province. He looked round the improved plots of land and put forward a task of conducting a nation-wide land re-alignment campaign.

He visited the province again and was informed in detail about the mechanization of the realigned fields and put forward tasks of introducing agricultural machines into the realigned fields on a large scale. He also saw to it that the land realignment was conducted as a nation-wide campaign in all the provinces, cities and counties. Afterwards, he gave on-the-spot guidance to the land rezoning of North Phyongan Province in northwestern Korea and saw to it that the magnificent land rezoning was conducted vigorously. His guidance became a firm guarantee for further stabilizing and developing Korea's socialist agricultural system, and brought about a new boom in agricultural production.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** guided a number of

fields of the national economy in Jagang Province again. He encouraged the working class and people of the province to take the lead in the building of a powerful nation.

In August he visited the Taehongdan County Farm and the Musan Workers' District of Ryanggang Province and took care of the lives of the workers, greatly encouraging them in their efforts.

His energetic guidance enabled a great revolutionary upsurge to be brought about in Korea.

Thus, the construction of the medium and small-sized power stations were vigorously conducted and great progress was made in the land rezoning. In addition, steel production was normalized on a high level and new innovations were made in the production of machines.

Meanwhile, Jong Song Ok became a champion at the 7th World Marathon Championship held in Spain. Jong Song Ok became well-known to the world for having glorified Juche Korea in the 20th century with a gold medal at the championship participated by more

than 2,000 sportsmen and sportswomen from 204 countries and regions. She ran and ran, thinking of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, and became a champion of the world marathon. Her success was an event, which surprised the world. This showed to the world the strong mettle of **Kim Il Sung**'s nation struggling to build a powerful nation, braving through all kinds of trials.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** gave her great trust and love though she had done what she had to do as a daughter of Korea and put her up as a model to be followed by the whole nation.

Thanks to His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s wise guidance, the year 1999 became the year of the great turning-point in the building of a powerful nation in Korea.

3. WITH THE ARMY-BASED POLITICS

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** is a great politician who leads the Korean revolution to victories with the army-based politics.

He put forward the idea of giving priority to the military affairs, and trained the Korean People's Army into an invincible armed forces with an extraordinary resourcefulness and commanding art to smash the aggressive maneuvers of the imperialists at every step, and firmly defended the Korean style socialism.

1) Declaration of the Army-based Politics

After the sudden death of President **Kim Il Sung**, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** put it forward as most important to give priority to the military affairs and strengthened the People's Army.

On the day when the national memorial service was held on the occasion of the 100th day of the death of President **Kim Il Sung**, he told the officials to

strengthen the People's Army. Emphasizing that we should strengthen the People's Army and thoroughly set up across society the atmosphere of giving importance to the military affairs, he said that we are conducting the revolution directly confronted with US imperialism, the ringleader of the forces of reaction of the world, and the national reunification was not yet achieved, there are many difficulties and obstacles in the way of the revolution and the US imperialists and reactionaries are intensifying their aggressive maneuvers against our Republic, and under these circumstances, we should decisively strengthen the Party as well as the People's Army in order to overcome all kinds of difficulties and trials and defend and advance vigorously the cause of socialism.

His instructions were associated with his strong conviction and will to give importance to the military affairs and strengthen the People's Army so as to defend and vigorously advance the Korean revolution.

It was the New Year's Day of 1995.

In those days the world attention focused upon

Korea. It was a matter of great interest of the world people what policies Korea would pursue. Under this circumstance, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** visited a unit of the Korean People's Army in the morning of the New Year's Day.

The news that he visited a unit of the Korean People's Army was widely known to the world through newspapers and TV.

Of course, no one, at that time, understood why His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** met the officers and men of the Korean People's Army on the New Year's Day and how deep meaning his visit to the unit had.

His visit to the unit on the New Year's Day was a solemn declaration of his army-based politics and army-based leadership at a time when the world attention focused on Korea what politics it would pursue.

The army-based politics and the army-based revolutionary leadership, which attract tens of thousands of people and make the enemies shudder, are the unique modes of politics and leadership, which

only His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** could originate.

The army-based politics and the army-based revolutionary leadership are the politics and leadership of giving importance to the military affairs, training the revolutionary army into the pillar of the revolution and raising its role to the maximum so as to lead the whole cause of socialism to victory.

Herein lies the profound significance that the army is just the Party and state as well as the people.

The army-based revolutionary leadership of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** is a brilliant inheritance of the immortal exploits of leadership of President **Kim Il Sung** who started and advanced the Korean revolution with weapons.

One day, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** met some officials and told them about the immortal exploits of leadership of President **Kim Il Sung**, who founded the army first and, on that basis, advanced the revolution and construction with success. He also emphasized that we would be able to preserve the dignity of the country and defend the socialist system

from the enemies' maneuvers to isolate and stifle us, and advance the revolution and construction only when the army is strong and all the people are possessed of the revolutionary spirit of soldiers displayed in the army in such a difficult period as today.

One day at the end of December 1996, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** met some officials and told them important things.

During that year he traveled more than ten thousands km. giving on-the-spot guidance and spent the whole year on the path to the front.

That day he told the officials that, though our burden was heavy and the conditions were difficult, we should pay great attention to the military affairs, adding that the preservation of peace and defense of socialism would be guaranteed only by the army. He continued to say that we should strengthen the army to the maximum, channeling our greater efforts into the army in the complicated and difficult situation. The aggressive nature of the imperialists never

changes and they are running amuck to invade other countries and to hold supremacy over the world.

It is their aggressive nature that they don't hesitate to invade and enslave those countries that are weak and not obedient to them.

The imperialists regard Korea, which advances along the road of socialism, as a thorn in their flesh, and are attempting to invade it in league with one another.

Korea, surrounded by the imperialists, had to struggle alone to defend socialism.

The situation was unimaginably tense in a fierce confrontation with the imperialists, and it put forward before the Korean people a choice of whether remaining a dignified independent people fighting against the imperialists, or being compelled to live as slaves, yielding to them.

In such a situation, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** solemnly put forward the army-based politics and army-based revolutionary leadership for the prosperity of the country, happiness of the people and the

victory of socialism, shouldering the destiny of the nation and socialism.

And he devoted himself to the sacred cause of strengthening the People's Army and increasing the self-defense capacity while continuing his inspections to the front.

He inspected the fronts in rainy summers, snowy winters, on holidays and on Sundays.

In fact, his inspections to the fronts are shining brightly as the immortal exploits that firmly defended the country, happiness of the people and the cause of socialism with the army-based revolutionary leadership.

2) In the Military Confrontation with the Enemy

It's the unchanged ambition of the imperialists to suffocate socialism militarily.

Owing to the aggressive moves and the war provocation of the US imperialists, the situation on the

Korean peninsula is on the verge of a war any time.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** trained the Korean People's Army into a strong army with his army-based leadership and smashed the aggressive moves and war provocation of the imperialists at every step.

The might of the army is decided by the ideological and moral qualities of the soldiers.

An important reason of the collapse of socialism in the former Soviet Union and other East European countries lies in the political and ideological disarmament of the army.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** trained the Korean People's Army into the strong army of conviction and ideology defending at the risk of one's life the headquarters of the revolution.

There is army in each country, but there is no such faithful army defending the leader with the spirit of becoming human bombs and shells and the spirit of suicidal explosion as the KPA.

The absolute belief in and faithfulness to His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** and the single-hearted unity

of the whole army are the features peculiar to the armed forces of Korea, which cannot be imagined in other countries.

This is the "patent weapon" of Korea, which is greater and stronger than any nuclear weapon and missile.

Since the confrontation with the enemy is the confrontation of armed forces, the military and technical might should be strong to defeat the enemy.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** paid primary attention to strengthening the People's Army militarily and technically and saw to it that great efforts were channeled into the national defense industry.

As a result, the modernization of the People's Army was realized on a highest level and the People's Army was turned into the invincible strong army equipped with the modern means of attack and defense.

If a war breaks out, the Korean People's Army will be able to conduct operations in three dimensions on the ground, sea and air as well as in all fronts so as to

control and wipe out the enemies completely in a short span of time and attack the enemies wherever they will be.

The enemies trembled with fear in front of such a might of the KPA and even the officers of the Defense Department of the United States cried that the army of north Korea is the first-class army in the world in its striking force and high degree of maneuvers.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** led the People's Army into the invincible strong army ever-victorious in the military confrontation with the imperialists.

The USA and the south Korean authorities frantically perpetrated aggressive moves and war provocations against the DPRK.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** saw to it that the People's Army would resolutely fight against the aggressive moves of the enemy and punish the enemy mercilessly if they would infringe upon the sovereignty of the country. If one step or two steps would be yielded to the imperialists, without resolutely

fighting against them, they would be more arrogant and ferocious to perpetrate gangster-like acts attacking a sovereign state with force without hesitation.

We can take, as examples, the incidents in a number of countries including Iraq and Yugoslavia in recent years.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** always smashed the military pressure and the challenges of the imperialists with the decisive response and merciless punishment, relying on the revolutionary armed forces.

It was in the year 1993 when the US imperialists attempted to force Korea into accepting the "special inspection" under the pretext of "nuclear issue" of Korea and conducted nuclear war exercises.

Plenty of people in the world worried whether Korea could defeat the US imperialists.

At that time His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** took decisive measures by proclaiming a state of semi-war and saw to it that the withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proli-feration Treaty was declared in a statement

of the DPRK Government. These self-defensive measures caused a great sensation throughout the world and compelled the US imperialists to come to the talking table with the DPRK. In 1996 the US imperialists attempted again to provoke Korea.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** watched every movement of the enemy and ordered the units of the three services of the Korean People's Army to make every preparation for combat and saw to it that a statement was made public, which emphasized that it was the temperament of the KPA to respond fire with fire and stick with stick and if the aggressors dared to trample down on an inch and a piece of grass of the DPRK, they would be crushed by the self-defensive measures.

This was like a bomb to the enemy.

The enemies were at a loss in front of his decisive stand and blamed for each other, making a fuss.

In 1998 the US imperialists forced on Korea the inspection related to the "suspicion of the underground nuclear facilities" and clamored about "strikes of

surgical operation type", "resolute response" and "nuclear response", bringing the situation to the brink of war through the plan for invading Korea — "operation plan 5027".

At that time His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** saw to it that a statement of the spokesman of the General Staff of the KPA was made public, which declared that the revolutionary armed forces would respond to the challenges of the aggressive army of the US with deadly blow, without the slightest mercy.

He ordered the People's Army to give merciless punishment to the enemy if they would invade 0.001 mm of the land, sea and the air of the DPRK, without a slightest mercy.

In December 1994, the anti-aircraft artillerymen of the KPA shot down a modern reconnaissance helicopter of the US army, which invaded the territorial air space of the DPRK, at one shot.

Especially, in 1999, the seamen of the Korean People's Army dealt a heavy blow to the warmaniacs of the US and south Korea, who let their ships intrude

into the territorial waters of the DPRK, making reckless military provocation.

Really, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** is the ever-victorious great politician and brilliant commander, who trained the Korean People's Army into a strong army, with his army-based revolutionary leadership, and with the force of the KPA, decisively smashed the military challenges of the imperialists headed by US imperialism.

Today, there is only one country in the world, socialist Korea, led by His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, which does not hesitate to say anything and do anything what it wants, though directly confronted with America pretending itself as the "world superpower", demonstrating its might as the single opponent which can shower a terrible fire on America.

3) In the Political and Ideological Confrontation with the Enemy

While intensifying their military offensive against

Korea, the imperialists attempted to destroy the political and ideological stronghold of the country.

The imperialists destroyed the former Soviet Union and other countries in East Europe which had been building socialism through their bourgeois ideological and cultural penetration, without shooting. They also foolishly maneuvered to destroy the Korean style socialism with the bourgeois ideology. However, their maneuvers were frustrated by the army-based revolutionary leadership of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

The strong national defensive capabilities of a country lie in the firm foundations of its society.

Any big country may be destroyed if it fails to have firm foundations of society.

The army and the people are regarded as the two forces and foundation-stones supporting the socialist society in Korea.

It means that only when the single-hearted unity of the army and the people supports the leadership of the Party and the leader, can the social political foundations be firmly consolidated.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** achieved a brilliant victory in the political and diplomatic confrontations with the imperialists, relying on the revolutionary armed forces and the power of the single-hearted unity of the Party, the army and the people, created by the army-based revolutionary leadership.

A historic victory was achieved when Korea, in the nuclear confrontation with the US imperialists in the past, received the surrender documents from them. When the US imperialists threatened the DPRK on the plea of "nuclear developmenf'and put a collective pressure to it by mobilizing the international organizations, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** took self-defensive measures, making the enemy come to the talking table with the DPRK.

As a result, there was no other choice for the US imperialists pretending itself as the "superpower", but to lose its dignity and sign on the Agreed Framework between the DPRK and the United States, and the US President was forced to kneel down and send a letter of guarantee to His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

It was when the US imperialists threatened the DPRK again, making up the issue of "underground nuclear facility". The US imperialists insisted that an underground structure, situated in the northwestern area of this country, was a "nuclear facility", clamoring about "inspection", and at last they even talked about a preemptive attack.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** countered their threat with the toughest stand.

The US imperialists had a long talk with the DPRK, attempting to put their "demand" into effect.

However, their gangster-like demand could never be put into effect.

At last, their demanding only resulted in a visit, provided that an enormous amount of fare should be paid, instead of the inspection.

Seeing this, even the reactionaries in south Korea deplored that, though America had boring talks for three years in connection with the issue of the "underground nuclear facility", what was left for America was only a big tunnel, filled with food,

which was built by north Korea. Relying on the "appeasement strategy", the US imperialists ran amuck to suffocate the DPRK militarily.

The US imperialists worked out the "operation plan 5027" and completed it into the "operation plan 5027-98", to wage an aggressive war against Korea, and allocated astronomical amounts of funds to the military expansion, frantically preparing an aggressive war.

Under the pretext of the threat to the American security due to "missile and nuclear weapon plan" of the DPRK, the US imperialists and the Japanese reactionaries deliberated over a "joint response".

The US imperialists gave a tough "warning" to the DPRK, attempting to frighten it.

Clamoring about coping with an emergency on the Korean peninsula, the enemies brought large armed forces of aggression into the surrounding areas of the peninsula and reorganized the aggressive organs on a war footing, while conducting large-scale military exercises.

The US imperialists provoked an aggressive war in Yugoslavia, which is similar to Korea in the size and the topography, and had a test on an aerial operation to wage the second Korean war of aggression, threatening that they would unleash a war in Korea like that in Yugoslavia.

In those days, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** continued his on-site guidance and responded to the US imperialists with the toughest measures. He saw to it that the units of the three services of the Korean People's Army made full preparations to cope with any aggressive war of the US imperialists, and the flame of the second grand march of Chollima flared up all over the country for the building of a powerful nation.

The US imperialists were put into a miserable position. And the American President dispatched a coordinator of the policy to north Korea, his special advisor, to the DPRK as his personal envoy so as to beg the DPRK for the relations between the two countries. And after the decision to deliver food to

Korea was announced, even potato seeds were sent by airplanes.

The US Presidential personal envoy's trip to the DPRK was a disgraceful begging trip of the defeated, holding a white flag with consternation at the might of the DPRK.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** is the righteous, strong-minded and outstanding politician and the mysterious and marvelous strategist who brings heinous and strong enemy into submission.

Really, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** is the great politician and brilliant commander who is ever victorious in all the confrontations with the imperialists with the invincible army-based politics and the army-based revolutionary leadership, and leads the Korean revolution and the cause of independence of the world to victory.

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